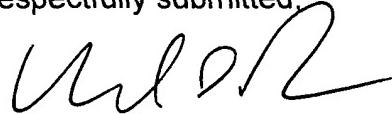


**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please note that the attached Utility Patent Application Transmittal requests the canceling of Claims 1-15, 19 and 20 prior to the calculation of the filing fee. Accordingly, Claims 16-18 are pending in the current application.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a notice that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0930.

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